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Dear Sirs,

GKN plc

Transactions in own shares

For your information I enclose copies of the above announcements.

Yours faithfully,

Sandie De Ritter

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GKN plc

Purchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 28 April 2005 it purchased 900,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 228.92p per share from Credit Suisse First Boston (Europe) Limited. It is intended that these shares are held in Treasury.

Following the purchase, GKN plc holds 18,375,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 720,505,689 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham Company Secretary 28 April 2005



GKN plc

Purchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 27 April 2005 it purchased 450,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 232.56p per share from Credit Suisse First Boston (Europe) Limited. It is intended that these shares are held in Treasury.

Following the purchase, GKN plc holds 17,475,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 721,405,689 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham Company Secretary 27 April 2005